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Dear Mr. Lantos:

I have been asked to reply to your September 25 letter to President Reagan in which you recommend that the President discuss the plight of Raoul Wallenberg during his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko.

The President and the State Department share your deep concern for Raoul Wallenberg, and we continue to make every effort to discover the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. The United States government continues to call on the Soviet government to investigate reported sightings of Wallenberg and to provide a full accounting of his fate.

Both President Reagan and Secretary Schultz raised our human rights concerns with Mr. Gromyko. The Soviets can have no misunderstanding of the importance we attach to these questions.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
Tom Lantos,
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